

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHAMBER RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

--HELD WITH--

ELBA CHURCH,

COFFEE COUNTY,

November 6th, 7th and 8th, 1886.

J. W. BROOKS, MODERATOR.

A. J. WISE, JR., CLERK.

C. R. TALBOT, TREASURER.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 6, 1886.

The PEA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Tenth Annual Session with the Elba Church, on the 6th, 7th and 8th days of November, 1886, according to previous adjournment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Bradley, from ixth chapter of Hebrews.

After one hour for refreshments, the Association was called to order, and the former Moderator being absent, Bro. N. C Underwood was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Prayer by D. C. Allen.

Letters from the several churches were read by W. A. Cumbie and W. B. Darby, and Delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem (Coffee)—A. J. Wise, Jr., J. H. Weed, and M. Brooks.

New Hope—N. B. Keaton.

Elba—S. B. Harper, Daniel Swanner, S. M. Rowe.

Shiloh—J. R. Spurliu, M. A. Helms, J. A. Grimes.

New Home—E. M. Barnes, James Walding, Robt. Howell.

Hebron—John Bradley, Henry Butts.

Bethlehem (Dale)—J. W. Bullard, L. D. Snell, Henry Cotton.

New Ebenezer—J. W. McCart, J. A. Taylor, W. F. Whaley.

Bluff Springs—J. L. Lewis.

Whitewater—W. P. Seay, Henry Morris, H. J. McCollum.

Damascus—T. J. Moore, J. M. Wright, G. M. Richburg.

New Providence—Joel Donaldson, T. J. Beard, J. A. Moore.

Piney Grove—A. J. Brazile, M. L. D. Crews, J. W. Brooks.

Woodland Grove—C. R. Talbot, M. Brunson, W. N. Cain.

Siloam—A. J. Brooks, John Spears, P. T. Wise.

Proceeded to elect officers, by appointing W. A. Cumbie and W. B. Darby to receive the votes, which resulted in the election of J. W. Brooks, Moderator, and the re-election of A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, and C. R. Talbot, Treasurer.

Invited visiting members to seats in the body.

Called for petitionary letters, when a letter was presented from Mount Pleasant Association by her delegates, W. F.

Schools and J. M. Tally, and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to hear the report of the Executive Committee from last session, which was read and adopted. See appendix A.

The following committees were appointed, to report during the session :

On Divine Service—D. Swanner, J. L. Lewis, W. P. Seay.

On Missions—M. Brunson, J. W. Bullard, M. A. Helms.

On Finance—N. B. Keaton, Jno. Bradley, A. J. Brazile.

On Documents—W. N. Cain, T. J. Beard, M. L. D. Crews.

On Nominations—A. J. Brooks, J. H. Weed, S. B. Harper.

On Sabbath Schools—Daniel Swanner, M. F. Whaley, J. R. Spurin.

Called for correspondence, when the following brethren responded :

From Salem Association—D. C. Allen, E. M. Brooks, G. W. L. Parkman, W. B. Darby, J. W. Head.

From Zion Association—J. M. Hickman, Malichi Riley, W. G. Gilechrist, J. N. Chapman.

Newton Association—W. A. Cumbie, W. F. Clements, Jno. Clements, Seymour Bachelor.

The Committee on Divine Service reported for D. C. Allen to preach at 7 o'clock p. m. Saturday. Sabbath, N. C. Underwood at 11 a. m. at the church; also at 11 a. m., J. W. Brooks at the courthouse; at 3 p. m. W. A. Cumbie; 7 p. m. W. N. Cain.

The Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday.

On Sabbath the ministers preached in the order of their names to large and orderly congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, November 8.

The Association assembled and was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer by A. J. Brooks.

Read the minutes of Saturday; also rules of decorum.

Renewed the call for correspondence, when J. A. Howard responded from the Harris Association.

The report of committees were called for, when the report on nominations was read and adopted. See appendix B.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. See appendix C.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To Salem Association—J. D. Parkman, M. Brooks,

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To Newton Association—L. D. Snell, M. Brooks, S. E. Harper.

To Zion Association—J. W. Brooks, P. T. Wise.

Sandy Creek Association—J. W. Brooks, M. Brooks, J. W. Bullard, W. F. Nichols, J. D. Parkman.

On motion the Association agreed to correspond with the Harris Association, when a motion was made to appoint B. M. Stevens and Daniel Swanner as correspondents, with W. N. Cain as a volunteer.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. to hear Bro. J. A. Howard preach.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association assembled; prayer by W. A. Cumbie. Report on Finance read and adopted. See appendix D. Report on Documents read and adopted. See appendix E, Report on Missions read and adopted. See appendix F. Treasurer's report read and adopted. See appendix G. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the present session of the Ten River Association, return our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Elba church and to the very kind citizens of Elba and the surrounding vicinity for their kind and hospitable entertainment offered us during our very pleasant stay among them.

The Association then adjourned, to meet with the White-water Church, four and a half miles northeast of Elba, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1887.

A. J. WISE, JR.,
Clerk.

J. W. BROOKS,
Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Brooks, Victoria, Ala. , John Bradley, Milo, Ala.
B. M. Stevens, Elba, Ala. J. M. Rowe, Elba, Ala.
J. W. Bullard, Daleville, Ala. J. W. Brooks, Elton, Ala.

VISITING MINISTERS.

E. M. Brooks, Brundidge, Ala. D. C. Allen, Brundidge, Ala.
W. A. Cumbie, Clintonville. N. C. Underwood, Brundidge.
J. A. Howard, Alabama.

A P P E N D I X.

A.

We, your Executive Committee, offer the following report: We have raised for Missions \$7.60 from some of the churches, and for the old debt, \$7.50. Total, \$15.10; which has been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SPURLIN, Chm.

B.

We, your Committee on Nominations, offer the following report: To preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, J. W. Brooks; alternate, B. M. Stevens. As an Executive Committee, A. J. Brooks, W. J. Spurlin, J. A. Taylor, A. J. Wise, Jr., J. R. Spurlin.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BROOKS, Chm.

C.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report the school in Elba in working order, and Whitewater reports a good school in her letter to the Association. We recommend the organizing and teaching of Sabbath Schools in the several churches constituting the Pea River Association, and the same to be reported in the letter to this body at its next session.

DANIEL SWANNER, Chm.

D.

We, your Committee on Finance, offer the following report:

Received for Minutes.....	\$25 80
Received for Clerk's fee.....	1 50
Received for Home Missions.....	15 15

Total..... \$42 45

All of which has been paid to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken for the same.

Respectfully,

N. B. KEATON, Chm.

E.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to make the following report: We find one petition from Whitewater Church asking the As-

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sociation to hold its next session with their church, and we, your committee, recommend that the Association convene with that church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. CAIN, Chm.

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F.

We, your Committee on Missions, offer the following report: So long as every Christian acknowledges Christ as his Master, and takes the Bible as the Word of God, and respects the duties imposed upon them by his word or example, so long as they receive the riches of his grace, they should feel it their bounden duty to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. We are not all preachers, but we should be all workers in extending the gospel by giving of our substance, so as to enable the ambassador of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to go forth and proclaim the glad tidings to lost and ruined sinners. Does the Bible teach us to do this? Read Genesis, xivth chapter; Lev. xxviith chapter; Numbers, xviiith chapter; Malichi, Matthew, Luke, and the apostle Paul's writings. Why cavil over the Word of God? Does the meek and lowly Jesus ask us poor, dependent, finite, mortals to give of the bounty that we receive from his merciful hands? What can we do for those who have not the gospel? Pray for them, and give to send it to them. We recommend that every Christian use every effort during the next associational year to raise money for this purpose, and that the Executive Committee be an especial committee for that purpose, and hold meetings, and studiously apply the same to Home Missions.

Respectfully,

M. BRUNSON, Chm.

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G.

The Treasurer offered the following report:

Received of the Finance Committee, for Minutes.	\$25 80
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" " " "	Old debt.....
Total.....	\$64 50

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. TALBOT, Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear letters from the churches read
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint committees, to report during the session, viz :
 - 1 To Arrange Preaching.
 - 2 On Missions.
 - 3 On Finance.
 - 4 On Documents.
 - 5 On Nominations.
 - 6 On Periodicals.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules of Decorum read.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing minutes.
14. Correct minutes, and adjourn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep to the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the Chair.

6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

6. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

8. A list of names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rises.

11. This Decorum may be altered or amended by two-thirds of this body.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PEA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	TIME OF MEETING.	BAPTISM.					
				REC. BY LET.	EXPERIENCE.	RESTORAT'N.	DIS. BY LET.	EXCLUSION.	DEATHS.
Bethlehem, Dale co.	C. L. Matthews, Crittenden M.	L. D. Snell, Daleville	3d Sat	1	1	5	2	44	\$ 1 50
Hebron	J. Macon, Milo	H. J. Butts, Milo	3d	1	1	21	1	150	
Damascus	J. W. Brooks, Elton	J. D. Packard, Damascus	2d	1	1	28	1	25	
Piney Grove	J. W. Brooks, Elton	M. L. D. Ceeves, Elton	4th	1	1	22	1	25	
Sloane	J. W. Brooks, Elton	P. S. Wise, Elba	1st	1	1	14	1	25	
Buff Springs	J. W. Brooks, Elton	S. J. Matthews, Rodney	2d	2	1	28	1	50	
New Home	J. M. Talley, Coffee Springs	W. G. W. Harper, Elba	2d	1	1	40	1	50	
Shiloh	W. J. Mosley, Rose Hill	J. R. Spurlin, Elba	1st	1	1	16	1	75	
Eiba	V. C. Underwood, Brudger	W. P. Boyd, Elba	1st	1	1	26	3	00	1
New Hope	John Bradley, Milo	N. B. Keeton, Victoria	2d	1	1	48	2	00	
Woodland Grove	W. N. Cain, Victoria	M. Brunson, Victoria	2d	1	1	50	2	00	1
Mount Pleasant	G. E. Mathews, Crittenden M.	Z. J. Nicholls, Coffee Spring	4th	1	1	46	1	00	
Bethlehem, Cooke co.	D. C. Allen, Brundidge	J. T. Peacock, Victoria	1st	9	4	105	2	30	1
New Ebenezer	W. Martin, Andalusia	W. H. Whitney, Elba	4th	8	1	25	2	50	
New Providence	J. W. Brooks, Elton	T. J. Beard, Danvers, ns	3d	2	3	20	1	00	
Whitewater	John Bradley, Milo	D. J. Williams, Elba	4th	1	1	39	2	00	
				1	1				
				5	25				
				14					
				3	55				
				26					
				25					
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For other contributions see Finance and Executive reports.

